for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes (CILAS).

(b) the legal Aid policy is being implemented successfully as is evident from the fact that 9,13,835 persons have been provided legal-aid and advice in Law Courts, as on 1.11.1992, throughout the country, which include 2,68,126 Scheduled Castes; 1,62,252 Scheduled Tribes; 62,571 Backward classes; 1,52,069 women and 6,566 children and approximately 85 lakh cases have been settled through Lok Adalats. In 1,64,876 MAC cases, compensation amounting to Rs. 349,16,29,073 has been awarded.

(c) Yes, Sir, in National Juridicare-Equal Justice-Social Justice Report.

(d) and (e) With a view to providing statutory base to the Legal Aid programmes adopted by CILAS, the Legal Services Authorities act has been passed in 1987, the Act has not been enforced, since an Amending Bill,as passed by the Rajya Sabha, is awaiting approval of the Lok Sabha.

Recommendations of Malimath Committee

3733. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the causes made out for accumulated arrears of cases in the courts, by the Malimath Committee;

(b) what are the other recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the action taken, if any by government to implement those recommendations and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ); (a) Some of the factors which contribute to accumulation of arrears of cases in the courts, identified by the Malimath Committee, are population explosion, litigation explosion, inadequacy of judge strength, lack of infrastructural facilities long arguments and prolix judgements, lawyers strike and indiscriminate resort to writ jurisdiction.

(b) The Committee has made several recommendations covering various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifications/improvements in the judiciary, setting up of specialised bodies such as tribunals/commissions to deal with specific types of cases, fixation of judge strength and appointments of Judges in High Courts, creation of more posts in the Subordinate judiciary and a number of other general recommendations relating to modernisation of office equipment in courts and allocation of more funds to the judiciary, etc.

(c) These recommendations have been forwarded to all concerned such as State Governments, the Central Ministries and the High Courts for necessary follow-up action. A Conference of State Law Ministers and 'Law Secretaries was organised in October, 1992 at Bangalore to suggest measures for the implementation of the recommendations made by the Malimath Committee.

Survey regarding mounting arrears in courts

3734. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey with regard to mounting litigation and overburdened courts in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for mounting litigation and what effective measures Government proposes for speedy disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ); (a) Yes, Sir. A Committee of three Chief Justices of High Courts was constituted by the